

LA SALLE EXPLORERS



**** F A C T S A B O U T L A S A L L E C O L L E G E ****

LOCATION: 20th Street & Olney Avenue, Philadelphia 41, Pa.
DENOMINATION: Roman Catholic - conducted by the Christian Brothers
ENROLLMENT: 2400
FOUNDED: 1863
PRESIDENT: Brother E. Stanislaus, F.S.C., Ph.D.
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: James J. Henry
BASKETBALL COACH: Kenneth D. Loeffler
STUDENT MANAGER: John R. Moosbrugger '54
ATHLETIC TRAINER: Mario Vetere
COLOPS: Blue and Gold
NICKNAME: Explorers

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THE SEASON'S PROSPECTS

"Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown" led off last year's prospects, but now Ken Loeffler admits there are other sources of uneasiness. A year ago the Explorers, with the 1952 N.I.T. championship cast virtually intact, were preparing for the campaign with sufficient manpower to cope with a difficult schedule and with high hopes of picking up all the marbles. Eventually, only key injuries in the blue chip games prevented their doing so.

This year, however, things are different. Graduation, military service and scholastic ineligibility have missed only the incomparable Tom Gola and veteran Frank O'Hara from last year's squad, winners of 25 out of 28.

Replacing the battle-tested and capable operatives of the past few seasons are a crew of big, fast and eager sophomores up from last year's freshman club that lost only once, a 98-97 tilt with the Temple yearlings, in 15 outings.

If the sophs are the key to the situation, the "key to the key" is king-sized (6:07) John Yodsnukis, a giant from the coal region. "Yods" is strong and willing, but how quickly he can pick up the experience needed to handle top-flight competition under fire is the question. Its answer is the big clue to LaSalle's 1953-54 basketball fortunes.

The most talented of the other sophomores are Charley Singley, Fran O'Malley, Bob Maples and Frank Blatcher. The tremendous pressure placed on these youngsters - making their bow in big-league college basketball - will be eased off by the presence of slick Frank O'Hara and by Gola, the man who can do everything in basketball. At least, that's the hope of shrewd Ken Loeffler, who has blended a combination using Gola and O'Hara as leaven. If this works - watch out for LaSalle!

1953-1954 VARSITY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER:

Wed. 2	Millersville State Teachers College	Lincoln H.S. (Phila.)
Sat. 5	West Chester State Teachers College	LaSalle Gym
Wed. 9	Albright College	LaSalle Gym
Sat. 12	Niagara University	Away
Wed. 16	Lafayette College	Lincoln H.S.
Fri. 18	Georgetown University	Convention Hall (Phila.)
Mon. 21	U. of Kentucky Invitational Tourn. (Kentucky, Duke, UCLA, LaSalle)	Lexington, Ky.
Sat. 26	Holiday Festival Tournament	Madison Square Garden
Mon. 28	(Manhattan, NYU, St. John's, Brigham	
Wed. 30	Young, Duquesne, Niagara, St. Louis)	

JANUARY:

Sat. 2	Temple University	Convention Hall
Wed. 6	Loyola College (Baltimore)	Lincoln H.S.
Sat. 9	Muhlenberg College	Convention Hall
Tue. 12	Manhattan College	Madison Square Garden
Sat. 16	University of Dayton	Convention Hall
Sat. 23	North Carolina State College	Away
Sat. 30	St. Joseph's College	Convention Hall

FEBRUARY:

Tue. 2	Dickinson College	Away
Sat. 6	Furman University	Convention Hall
Wed. 10	Iona College	Lincoln H.S.
Sat. 13	Temple University	Convention Hall
Wed. 17	Fordham University	Lincoln H.S.
Sat. 20	St. Joseph's College	Convention Hall
Sat. 27	St. Louis University	Convention Hall


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LaSalle Gymnasium - 29th and Olney Avenue, Philadelphia
Lincoln H.S. Gymnasium - Rowland & Ryan Avenues, Philadelphia
Convention Hall - 34th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia

1953-1954 VARSITY ROSTER

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
3	Frank S. Blatcher	G	24	So.	6:02	190	South Phila. H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
4	Francis X. O'Malley	F	19	So.	6:03	177	St. Rose H.S. Cartondale, Pa.
5	Francis R. O'Hara	G	21	Sr.	5:09	155	LaSalle H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
7	Robert C. Ames	F	19	So.	6:03	175	Roxborough H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
8	Manuel Gomez	C	19	So.	6:05	190	Forest Hills H.S. Forest Hills, L.I.
9	Francis X. Finegan	G	21	Jr.	6:00	170	Roman Catholic H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
10	Charles A. Singley	F	18	So.	6:03	175	West Catholic H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
11	Charles W. Greenberg	G	20	So.	6:02	170	LaSalle H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
12	John J. Yodsnukis	C	22	So.	6:07	228	Lincoln H.S. Warrior Run, Pa.
14	Robert S. Maples	C	23	So.	6:05	178	York Comm. H.S. Elmhurst, Ill.
15	Thomas J. Gola	G	20	Jr.	6:07	207	LaSalle H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
17	Gary J. Holmes	F	19	So.	6:01	160	Lansdowne H.S. Lansdowne, Pa.

AVERAGES: Age - 20 Height - 6:03 Weight - 181



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1953-1954 FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

DECEMBER:

Wed.	2	Millersville State Teachers College	Lincoln H.S. (Phila.)
Sat.	5	West Chester State Teachers College	LaSalle Gym
Wed.	9	Albright College	LaSalle Gym
Wed.	16	Camp Kilmer	Lincoln H.S.

JANUARY:

Wed.	6	Atlantic City NAS	Lincoln H.S.
Fri.	8	Willow Grove NAS	LaSalle Gym
Fri.	15	Temple University	Away (3:30 p.m.)
Thu.	28	Camp Kilmer	Away

FEBRUARY:

Wed.	3	St. Joseph's College	Away
Mon.	8	Atlantic City NAS	Away
Wed.	10	Drexel Institute	Lincoln H.S.
Wed.	17	Temple University	Lincoln H.S.
Wed.	24	St. Joseph's College	LaSalle Gym

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All games played at LaSalle and Lincoln will start at 7 p.m.

1953-1954 FRESHMAN ROSTER

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
4	Walt Fredricks	F	18	6:06	180	Springfield H.S. Springfield, Pa.
5	Ted Kamish	G	18	6:00	160	Dwight Morrow H.S. Englewood, N.J.
6	Ed Fraunfelter	C	18	6:04	170	SS Philip & James H.S. Phillipsburg, N.J.
7	Bob Kraemer	F	18	6:03	175	LaSalle H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
8	Alonzo Lewis	F	18	6:02	180	Darby H.S. Darby, Pa.
9	Jim Carolan	G	21	6:00	175	Germantown H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.
10	John Gola	G	19	6:02	175	North Catholic H.S. Philadelphia, Pa.

AVERAGES: Age - 19 HEIGHT - 6:02 WEIGHT - 173

FINAL 1952-1953 VARSITY STATISTICS

NAME	GAMES	G.T.	G.	%	F.T.	F.	%	REB	PF	PTS	Ave.
Tom Gola	28	451	186	.412	186	145	.780	434	72	517	18.5
Fred Iehle	28	539	182	.338	115	80	.696	157	69	444	15.8
Norm Grekin	28	404	154	.381	190	128	.674	264	75	436	15.6
Jackie Moore	28	312	130	.417	146	65	.445	326	98	325	11.3
Bill Katheder	28	197	72	.365	65	32	.492	117	72	176	6.3
Frank O'Hara	28	155	54	.348	98	66	.673	63	43	174	6.2
Ed Altieri	27	100	35	.350	44	28	.636	39	38	98	3.6
Others		66	26	.394	34	21	.618	48	32	73	
Own totals	28	2224	839	.377	878	565	.644	1448	499	2243	80.1
Opp totals	28	1785	621	.348	800	489	.611	1030	556	1731	61.8

GAME SCORES

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OPP.

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Millersville	83
Niagara	87
Albright	101
West Chester	111
*Dayton	73
Southwest Missouri	77
Arizona	87
Stanford	95
DePaul	61
Cincinnati	86
N.Y.U.	80
Wake Forest	76
Loyola (Baltimore)	89
Muhlenberg	97
Manhattan	63
DePaul	62
St. Joseph's	79
Eastern Kentucky	89
Loyola (Baltimore)	73
Duquesne	74
St. Joseph's	75
Temple	57
Muhlenberg	106
Georgetown	73
Lafayette	58
Youngstown	94
Temple	65
#St. John's	74

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TOTAL POINTS: Iehle, 31 vs.
 Arizona
 FIELD GOALS: Iehle, 13 vs.
 Niagara, Arizona & Muhlenberg
 FREE THROWS: Gola, 13 vs.
 E. Kentucky (attempted 14)
 F.T. ATTEMPTS: Grekin, 15 vs.
 Dayton (made 8)
 REBOUNDS: Gola, 29 vs. Loyola
 (second game)

TEAM HIGHS

POINTS: 111 vs. West Chester
 FIELD GOALS: 44 vs. West Chester
 FREE THROWS: 33 vs. E. Kentucky
 F.T. ATTEMPTS: 45 vs. Dayton

FINAL TEAM RECORD: WON 25 LOST 3

* Overtime
 # N.I.T.

FINAL 1952-1953 FRESHMAN STATISTICS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>GOALS</u>	<u>F.T.</u>	<u>FOULS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
Charles Singley	15	94	93	57	245	16.3
Fran O'Malley	15	82	91	44	208	13.8
Charles Greenberg	15	89	54	28	206	13.7
Frank Blatcher	15	82	45	20	184	12.2
Bob Maples	14	66	39	26	158	11.2
Harry Bense	12	52	62	38	142	11.8
John Yods nukis	15	32	30	13	77	5.1
Gary Holmes	13	12	13	2	26	2.0
Robert Ames	11	9	9	4	22	2.0
Manuel Gomez	11	8	6	5	21	2.1
David Baird	8	7	7	6	20	2.5
Marvin Epstein	5	3	0	0	6	1.2
	15	536	449	243	1315	87.6

	<u>ISC</u>	<u>OPP</u>
Millersville	74	62
Naval Aviation Supply Depot	97	46
Albright	60	50
West Chester	85	63
Temple	97	98
Temple	97	80
Muhlenberg	69	66
Atlantic City Naval Air Station	112	86
Johnsville Naval Air Station	75	71
Brown Prep	98	86
St. Joseph's	69	55
Atlantic City Naval Air Station	101	74
Muhlenberg	96	43
St. Joseph's	106	69
Cape May Coast Guard	79	57
	1315	1006

WON - 14 LOST - 1

KENNETH D. LOEFFLER
Head Basketball Coach

Frank and sparkling Ken Loeffler is starting his fifth year as head man of the LaSalle Explorers. A 1924 graduate of Penn State, Ken came to LaSalle in 1949 after coaching the St. Louis Bombers and the Providence Steamrollers in the old BAA. He had seen previous collegiate service at Geneva College (1928-1934) and Yale University (1935-1942), and during World War II, it was Major Kenneth D. Loeffler, AAF.

Under Loeffler's tutelage, LaSalle has won the Philadelphia City Championship four times, has never been beaten at the LaSalle Field House, and has climaxed each season by appearing in New York's National Invitation Tournament, winning that event in 1952. At LaSalle, Ken's teams have won 93 while losing 21, for a nifty .816 winning per cent against the best college teams in the land.

Loeffler is an entertaining speaker with a fund of stories, and is much in demand on the banquet circuit. His deep knowledge of the game makes him a popular lecturer at basketball clinics, and he is highly regarded as a court strategist by the coaching and sports writing fraternities. Loeffler-trained teams are always basically sound on both offense and defense....his 1952-1953 Explorers lead the nation's teams for average scoring margin over all opponents.

Ken Loeffler doesn't have to prove himself as a basketball coach, and it would be difficult for him to enhance his status, except with the type personnel he has this year. With the exception of Tom Gola and Frank O'Hara, a good, but totally inexperienced sophomore team must face a major league collegiate schedule. If anybody can get them ready, it's Ken Loeffler.

"The greatest schoolboy basketball player ever developed in the Philadelphia area" has become "the nation's greatest collegian"..... this is the basketball story - in headlines - of Tom Gola.

Gola, the boy without a nickname, is set and ready for his third season of college basketball. Voted the outstanding player in Madison Square Garden, Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium and San Francisco's Cow Palace, he has won over 30 major basketball honors, including a berth on just about everybody's All American team.

This year Gola will be operating without an all-star supporting cast - most of the 1953-54 Explorers will be raw sophomores - and the feeling persists that, in spite of play that has sent scribes from coast to coast scurrying in search of untapped sources of superlatives, Gola still has reserves of ability that will be brought out in this year's campaign.

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Brown hair....hazel eyes....junior in the School of Business Administration....calm and cool, off court and on....lackadaisical air ~~cloaks~~ a fiery competitive spirit....reticence hides real leadership....placid exterior merely indicates completely harnessed nervous energy....plays the harmonica....fun-loving and dry of wit....good student....liked by the Christian Brothers who teach him....one of seven children....son of a Philadelphia policeman....owner of a great appetite....has terrific speed and the spring of a high jumper....is a defensive stand-out....in 60 games during the past two seasons, he has maintained a .386 shooting average from the floor and .742 from the foul line....says his coach, "Tom's poise is perhaps his greatest asset. The boy can do everything and do it well. His reactions are quick and he's never rattled but, what's more important, he's always coachable"....Tom may eventually be rated as the greatest player of all time.

PLAYER SKETCHES

FRANK BLATCHER:

Probably the best outside shot on the squad....four year Navy veteran....played at South Philadelphia High School.... will probably be very effective against zone-type defenses.

BOB MAPLES:

One of the big sophomores at 6:05....fast and aggressive....has quick hands....is from Elmhurst, Ill....Bob and Manny Gomez are the first out-of-state players on the LaSalle roster in three seasons....played service ball at Atlantic City NAS....has great potential.

FRANK O'HARA:

Smallest man on squad at 5:09....likeable and personable....brown hair and blue eyes.....captain of the Philadelphia All-Catholic team in 1949-50....on Dean's Honor List consistently....slick ball handler....his experience and savvy are expected to steady a young team this year.

FRAN O'MALLEY:

Dark haired....good looking....is deceptively fast....was second in scoring with a 13.8 frosh average....will team with Singley again this year to give the Explorers a one-two scoring punch.

CHARLES SINGLEY:

Quick and aggressive....good defensive man....looks like a sure bet to become a great college player....has tremendous drive and spring....led frosh scoring last season with a 16.3 average.

JOHN YODSNUKIS:

"Yods"....big, strong and willing....from Warrior Run in the Pennsylvania coal regions....will team with Gola in patrolling the boards....has to replace Jackie Moore, a large order for a soph....served 3 years as a Sgt. in the Army.

RESERVES

In a campaign as grueling as the one facing the 1953-54 Explorers, the bench assumes almost as much importance as the starting line-up. Bob Ames, Frank Finegan, Manny Gomez, Charlie Greenberg and Gary Holmes all have the ability to blossom into starters overnight. These men will bear watching and when the season's log is finally posted, it will surely reflect the performance of these five men in key games.

WON-LOST RECORD AGAINST 1953-54 OPPONENTS

Millersville:

1938-39.....31-30

1938-39.....40-29

1939-40.....35-27

1942-43.....50-34

1946-47.....74-32

1947-48.....63-47

1948-49.....65-52

1949-50.....76-41

1950-51.....57-39

1951-52.....66-45

1952-53.....83-38

WON 11 - LOST 0

Manhattan:

1931-32.....32-34

1939-40.....46-33

1940-41.....44-53

1945-46.....45-52

1948-49.....76-46

1948-49.....53-62

1949-50.....65-60

1950-51.....64-63

1951-52.....77-55

1952-53.....63-52

WON 6 - LOST 4

Albright:

1945-46.....59-83

1945-46.....61-87

1946-47.....65-62

1946-47.....58-47

1947-48.....68-30

1948-49.....58-45

1949-50.....64-37

1950-51.....58-51

1951-52.....76-68

1952-53.....101-62

WON 8 - LOST 2

Georgetown:

1945-46.....55-53

1945-46.....37-54

1946-47.....59-65

1947-48.....48-35

1948-49.....62-45

1949-50.....90-58

1950-51.....79-74

1951-52.....68-70

1952-53.....73-68

WON 6 - LOST 3

Lafayette:

1944-45.....45-52

1945-46.....49-57

1947-48.....43-39

1948-49.....61-37

1950-51.....71-64*

1950-51.....66-59

1951-52.....62-52

1952-53.....56-60

WON 6 - LOST 2

Duquesne:

1939-40.....23-27*

1949-50.....47-49

1950-51.....43-53

1951-52.....60-71

1951-52.....59-46

1952-53.....74-66

WON 2 - LOST 4

N.Y.U.:

1952-53.....80-63

WON 1 - LOST 0

* - Overtime

Losses are underlined

West Chester:

1931-32.....38-20
 1931-32.....15-18
 1932-33.....W - L
 1932-33.....30-27
 1933-34.....37-23
 1933-34.....25-24
 1935-36.....20-39
 1935-36.....30-36
 1936-37.....39-24
 1936-37.....27-28*
 1937-38.....47-34
 1937-38.....30-33
 1938-39.....46-31
 1938-39.....48-45
 1939-40.....37-21
 1939-40.....27-30
 1940-41.....43-31
 1951-52.....85-55
 1952-53.....111-60

WON 13 - LOST 6

St. John's:

1935-36.....26-40
 1951-52.....51-45
 1951-52.....71-62
 1952-53.....74-75

WON 2 - LOST 2

Temple:

1936-37.....37-31*
 1937-38.....22-37
 1938-39.....38-27
 1939-40.....37-39
 1940-41.....22-27
 1941-42.....38-48
 1942-43.....43-47
 1943-44.....45-73
 1945-46.....60-70
 1946-47.....73-71*
 1947-48.....52-54
 1948-49.....36-54
 1949-50.....60-55
 1949-50.....67-51
 1950-51.....82-65
 1950-51.....54-59
 1951-52.....75-59
 1951-52.....65-50
 1952-53.....57-42
 1952-53.....65-45

WON 10 - LOST 10

UCLA:

1949-50.....57-62

WON 0 - LOST 1

Muhlenberg:

1940-41.....49-51
 1941-42.....39-37
 1945-46.....33-51
 1946-47.....44-59
 1946-47.....41-45
 1947-48.....74-68
 1948-49.....73-56
 1948-49.....57-55
 1949-50.....87-60
 1950-51.....60-55
 1950-51.....83-55
 1951-52.....95-77
 1951-52.....92-77
 1952-53.....102-73

WON 10 - LOST 4

Niagara:

1933-34.....28-33
 1941-42.....37-40
 1950-51.....82-56
 1951-52.....85-74
 1952-53.....87-78

WON 3 - LOST 2

Loyola:

1933-34.....49-25
 1939-40.....34-31
 1940-41.....39-34
 1941-42.....54-44
 1941-42.....46-26
 1942-43.....51-31
 1943-44.....45-53
 1944-45.....82-42
 1944-45.....59-44
 1945-46.....45-42
 1945-46.....54-43
 1946-47.....71-46
 1946-47.....59-49
 1947-48.....64-62
 1947-48.....74-58
 1948-49.....78-57
 1948-49.....85-61
 1949-50.....73-51
 1949-50.....71-59
 1950-51.....70-42
 1950-51.....71-42
 1951-52.....93-66
 1951-52.....91-65
 1952-53.....89-47
 1952-53.....73-61

WON 24 - LOST 1

St. Joseph's:

1933-34.....27-15
 1933-34.....39-20
 1934-35.....25-28
 1934-35.....32-25
 1934-35.....25-26
 1935-36.....19-23
 1935-36.....20-40
 1936-37.....21-25
 1936-37.....25-28*
 1937-38.....22-18
 1938-39.....32-31
 1939-40.....28-33
 1940-41.....40-48
 1941-42.....53-58
 1942-43.....45-48
 1943-44.....33-53
 1943-44.....37-53
 1944-45.....36-39
 1945-46.....38-36
 1946-47.....48-45
 1947-48.....65-70
 1948-49.....78-41
 1949-50.....74-53
 1949-50.....79-50
 1950-51.....77-64
 1950-51.....81-63

SJC continued:

1951-52.....53-54
 1951-52.....66-50
 1952-53.....79-52
 1952-53.....75-63

WON 15 - LOST 15

N. Carolina State:

1948-49.....56-60
 1949-50.....66-51
 1950-51.....74-76

WON 1 - LOST 2

St. Louis:

1950-51.....61-73
 1951-52.....46-62

WON 0 - LOST 2

Dayton:

1951-52.....75-64
 1952-53.....73-64*

WON 2 - LOST 0

Brigham Young:

1948-49.....76-54

WON 1 - LOST 0

LA SALLE'S 1000 POINT SCORERS

Bob Walters:	1943-44	16 games	215 points	13.5 average
	1944-45	18	263	14.5
	1945-46	23	367	15.9
	1946-47	23	348	15.1
Totals:	4 years	80	1193	14.9*
Larry Foust:	1946-47	26	255	9.6
	1947-48	24	401	16.7
	1948-49	28	453	16.1
	1949-50	25	355	14.2
Totals:	4 years	103	1464*	14.2
Norm Grekin:	1950-51	29	372	12.6
	1951-52	31	435	14.0
	1952-53	28	436	15.5
Totals:	3 years	88	1243	14.1
Tom Gola:	1951-52	32*	551*	17.2
	1952-53	28	517	18.5*
	1953-54			
	1954-55			
Totals:	2 years	60	1068	17.8

(* College Records)

GOLA'S TWO-YEAR SCORING RECORD

<u>GAMES</u>	<u>G.T.</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>F.T.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Reb.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
60	1021	395	.386	373	278	.742	963	170	1068	17.7

INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

St. Joseph's series of 30 games, starting in 1933, is tied at 15-15.

Temple series of 20 games, starting in 1936, is tied at 10-10.

St. John's (Brooklyn) series of 4 games, starting in 1935, is tied at 2-2.

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The LaSalle Field House record of 38 consecutive victories (between 1938 and 1942) was tied at the end of last season. The second 33 wins were scored between 1946 and 1953.

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Field House Scoring Records:

Points, single game: 34 by Larry Foust vs. Albright College on February 3, 1948 (16 and 2).

Team score: 111-60 - vs. West Chester State Teachers on December 12, 1952.

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College Scoring Records:

Points, single game: 39 by Larry Foust vs. St. Joseph's College at Convention Hall on February 5, 1949.

Points, one season: 551 by Tom Gola during the 1951-52 season.

Total college points: 1464 by Larry Foust, 1947 to 1950.

Rebounds, single game: 29 by Tom Gola vs. Loyola College at Baltimore, Md. on February 4, 1953.

Rebounds, one season: 529 by Tom Gola during the 1951-52 season.

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